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## **PETITION**

Sir:

- Applicants hereby petition that the abandonment set forth in the notice mailed by the Patent Office on July 13, 2004 be withdrawn.
- 2. The Notice of Abandonment states that the application is abandoned in view of Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 17 October 2003. Unfortunately, Applicants and the attorneys of record did not receive this Office letter as explained in depth below.

- 3. The undersigned is one of the attorneys of record in the above-identified and is in charge of all correspondence and communications for this application.
  - 4. The undersigned has checked the file for this application and the docketing records for the firm and has found no record of the firm receiving a PTO office letter dated 17 October 2003.
  - The last record the undersigned has for this application is Amendment C filed on July 8,
    No response from the PTO was received to this Amendment.
  - 6. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the undersigned attorneys of record never received the 17 October 2003 action from the PTO. Therefore, it is requested that the abandonment be withdrawn, a new action be issued and mailed to the undersigned at the below address.

#### PETITION FEE

- 7. The petition fee is paid as follows:
  - X Enclosed please find a check for \$130.00
- 8. Please charge our deposit account 50/1039 for any deficiency or credit this account for any overpayment or refund for this petition.

## REQUEST FOR REFUND OF PETITION FEE

9. As no defect exists upon applicants' part as the 17 October 2003 action was never received by the undersigned, a refund of the petition fee submitted herewith is respectfully requested.

# REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF WITHDRAWAL OF ABANDONMENT

10. Acknowledgment of the active status of this application is respectfully requested.

Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: July 22, 2004

Attorney of Record

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